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FOREIGN MISSIONARIES of the Swedish Baptists of America in connection with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society have made a large contribution towards the advancement of the Kingdom of God on practically all of the ten Baptist Foreign mission fields. The purpose of establishing Christian missions in foreign lands is to extend the Kingdom of God into all parts of the world. This is done by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and educating the inhabitants. The ultimate aim of both is the same, so that whether a missionary is engaged in educational work or preaching he is doing evangelistic work and is helping to advance the Kingdom of God.

Swedish missionaries have made good in all branches of missionary activities, evangelistic, medical and educational, and in the work of translating the Scriptures they have an enviable record. Rev. Eric Lund, the pioneer of the Philippine Islands, by his translation into the three principal dialects of the Visayan language gave the Bible and the New Testament to one seventh of the entire population of the archipelago. The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society was divinely led in choosing this great-hearted man of the north land to open and pioneer Baptist work in the Philippines.

Equaling Mr. Lund in facility of expression in the Visayan language is Miss Annie B. Johnson whose evangelistic work among the Filipino women has met with such remarkable success, and whose

school Dr. Robert E. Speer characterized as one of the best and most worthwhile institutions in the Orient. In connection with the contribution by Swedish missionaries to the field of literature, mention should be made of the quality and scope of the work of Rev. Ola Hanson, Litt.D., for the wild Kachins in the Burma hills. Just before leaving Burma the British Government presented him with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of the quality and value of his work. Mention should also be made of the splendid work done by Rev. and Mrs. Eric O. Schugren at Gurzalla, South India.

Rev. O. L. Swanson, of Golaghat, Assam, with his burning evangelistic passion and facility in Bible instruction, is a rare combination of Billy Sunday and Campbell Morgan. It is hoped that a sufficient force of missionaries may soon be sent to Assam so that Mr. Swanson may be relieved of all station and administration work and that he may give all his time and strength to evangelistic work throughout the entire field.

The work of Rev. William Axling, D.D., at the Tokyo, Japan, tabernacle, is recognized by all denominations as the most vital and practical Christian work being done in the Japanese empire. The activities of the tabernacle and its accomplished pastor touch all phases of life and thought of the people of Tokyo, and in fact extend throughout the empire. During the past year Dr. Axling was invited to speak before a company of between three and

four thousand employees of the four large factories of the Fuji Spinning Company. As chairman of the Baptist Forward Movement in Japan, Dr. Axling covers the entire empire in his travels, addressing large audiences of Japanese merchants, scholars and Christian workers.

In medicine Dr. J. A. Ahlquist and Mrs. Ahlquist are in charge at Tura, Assam, and in Africa Dr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Ostrom are doing a notable piece of work. Miss Sigrid C. Johnson, superintendent of nurses at the Clough Memorial Hospital at Ongole, South India, writes: "I consider the year 1918 the best year of my life, for in that year I was able to render more service to my fellowmen than I had ever done before. There is such a joy in this service as we bring relief not merely to the body but to the soul as well. In fact, the medical work would fail of its chief purpose did we not preach as well as practice. Here is where the hospital can do its great work, for the doors of the highest as well as the lowest castes are open to our influence."

In educational work, Miss Esther W. Lindberg, of the Sgaw Karen School at Moulmein, Burma; E. J. Anderson, M.A., and Mrs. Anderson in Shanghai, East China; Miss E. J. Peterson, principal of Union Girls' School at Hanchow, East China; Miss V. R. Peterson, in charge of the Sgaw Karen School at Tharrawaddy, Burma; Miss Elizabeth Vickland of the Girls' Normal School at Nowgong, Assam; Miss Lily Ryden, in charge of the Karen School at Schwegyn, Burma; Miss C. J.

Johnson at Tharrawaddy, and Miss K. Olivia Johnson at Iloilo, P. I., are doing excellent work. Mrs. Anna Salquist, in charge of the Girls' School at Suifu, China, writes : " The warm welcome and interesting work awaiting me soon made up for whatever difficulties I had in reaching my destination. It was good not to find myself a stranger here, for that counts more than it should with the Chinese. It has done much to make my path smoother than it otherwise would have been."

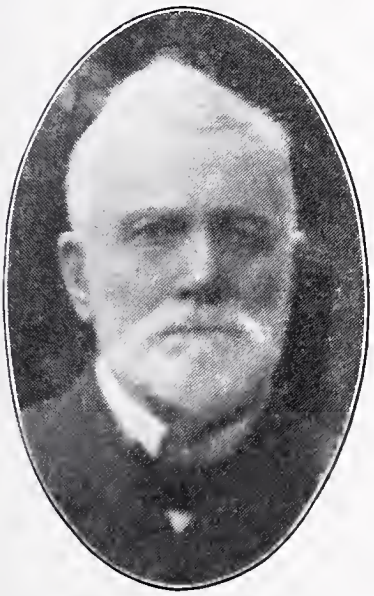
Miss Selma Lagergren is in charge of the Kindergarten department of the Bible Training School at Iloilo, and Miss Mary Danielson is in charge of evangelistic work for the women of Osaka, Japan. Miss Leontine J. Dahl at Shanghai, China, is engaged in work in administration office. Mrs. A. L. Bain is assisting her husband in West Africa. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lovegren, who are studying the language in preparation for work at Chengtu, China, with Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Tanquist at Kohima, Assam, complete the list of Swedish missionaries although it does not begin to tell of the value of the work which these self-sacrificing, devoted servants of God are doing.

Two of the societies' strongest appointees this year are Rev. and Mrs. Albert J. Dahlby and Rev. and Mrs. David Gustafson, who will sail in October for Assam and East China, respectively.

Photographs of Swedish missionaries in service, as far as recent copies were available, are included in the following pages.

OLA HANSON, Litt.D.
1890 Minnesota
Namkham, Burma

Mrs. OLA HANSON
1890 Nebraska



K. O. BROADY, D.D.
Stockholm, Sweden

Mrs. A. L. BAIN
1893 Nebraska
Mukimvika, Africa

O. L. SWANSON
1893 Illinois
Impur, Assam

Mrs. O. L. SWANSON
1893 Illinois

Mrs. C. A. SALQUIST
1897 Minnesota
Chungking, China

WILLIAM AXLING, D.D.
1901 Nebraska
Tokyo, Japan

Miss VIOLETTA PETERSON
1898 Minnesota
Tharrawaddy, Burma

Miss MARY E. DANIELSON
1902 Minnesota
Osaka, Japan

Miss ANNA V. JOHNSON
1903 Illinois
Iloilo, Philippines

Miss ESTHER LINDBERG
1908 Minnesota
Moulmein, Burma

HJALMAR OSTROM, M.D.
1912 Massachusetts
Ntondo, Africa

Mrs. HJALMAR OSTROM
1912 Massachusetts

Miss C. L. JOHNSON
1910 Wisconsin
Tharrawaddy, Burma

Miss SELMA LAGERGREN
1913 Illinois
Iloilo, Philippines

Rev. J. E. TANQUIST
1913 Minnesota
Kohima, Assam

Mrs. J. E. TANQUIST
1913 Minnesota

Miss ELLEN VICKLAND
1915 New York
Nowgong, Assam

Miss SIGRID JOHNSON
1916 Michigan
Ongole, India

Miss E. J. PETERSON
1913 Maine
Hangchow, China

Miss E. E. HOKANSON
1917 Minnesota
Huchow, China

LEVI ALTON LOVEGREN
1917 Oregon
Chengtu, China

Mrs. LEVI A. LOVEGREN
1917 Oregon

JONAS AHLQUIST, M.D.
1917 Minnesota
Tura, Assam

Mrs. JONAS AHLQUIST
1917 Minnesota

Miss LILY RYDEN
1917 Minnesota
Nyanglebin, Burma

Miss LEONTINE J. DAHL
1912 Minnesota
Shanghai, China

ELAM J. ANDERSON
1918 Illinois
Shanghai, China

Miss RUBY L. ANDERSON
1917 Nebraska
Tokyo, Japan

Miss EDNA ODEN
1918 Pennsylvania
Ntondo, Africa

Miss ANNA HAGQUIST
1919 Omaha
Under appointment

Miss FRIDA G. WALL
1919 Minnesota
China

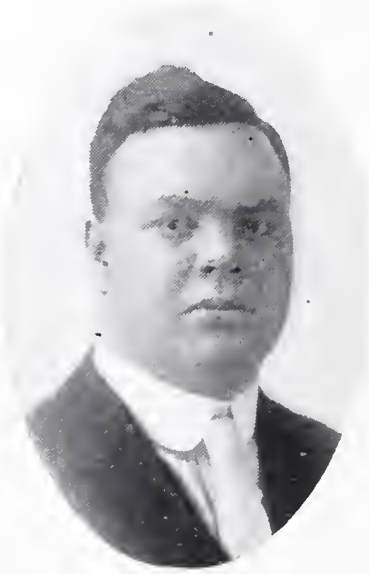
Miss AGNES S. MELINE
1919 Nebraska
Japan

Miss MINNIE V. SANDBERG
1918 Missouri
Tokyo, Japan

JOHN BJELKE
1919 Connecticut
China

Rev. K. O. ANDERSSON
1919 Sweden
Africa

Mrs. K. O. ANDERSSON
1919 Sweden



Rev. A. J. DAHLBY
1919 Minnesota
Assam

Mrs. A. J. DAHLBY
1919 Minnesota

It is regretted that recent photographs of the following were not available:

Prof. D. GUSTAFSON
1919 Illinois
China

Mrs. D. GUSTAFSON
1919 Illinois

Miss ANNA DAHLGREN
Illinois
Under appointment

Foreign missionaries of the Swedish Baptists of America, in coöperation with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, are working in eighteen different stations in the seven following countries: Burma, India, Assam, China, Japan, Africa and the Philippine Islands. In the prosecution of their varied tasks among the many people where they work the use of thirteen different languages and dialects is required, thus indicating the wide extent of their activity.

The following have resigned and are no longer in active service:

Miss Erika Bergman
Hjalmar East, M.D.
Mrs. Hjalmar East
Miss M. A. A. Gardelin
Miss Elena C. Lund
Antony Parsons, M.D.
Rev. N. C. Parsons
Mrs. N. C. Parsons
Miss Gerda Paulson
Rev. S. E. Samuelson
Mrs. Ebbone Sjöblom
Mr. G. W. Stahlbrand
Prof. William Smith
Rev. E. O. Schugren
Mrs. E. O. Schugren
Mr. C. F. Viking
Mrs. C. F. Viking

The following died in service:

Miss Johanna Anderson
C. A. Salquist
E. Sjöblom

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